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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Patent Examiner dated January 27, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-4, 6, 27, 29, 30, 36, 38-41 and 46 of the above-identified patent application.

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